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McCarthy Attacks Keating

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Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, R-N.Y., came under fire from Minnesota's junior senator here this morning for his continuing criticism of Administration Cuban policy.

Sen. Eugene McCarthy, Minnesota DFL junior senator, told a "coffee hour" gathering of about 50 persons at Holland's Cafeteria that Sen. Keating has made "wild guesses" when right about Cuba and is "irresponsible" in his charges.

"UNLESS YOU want to be as irresponsible as he is," said Sen. McCarthy, "you choose between what Keating says and the judgment of the Pentagon, the Central Intelligence Agency, the State Department and the Presidency."

He charged Senate Republicans with playing "a kind of Russian roulette" over Cuba.

"I don't think anybody wants a real catastrophe, but unless there is trouble the (Republican) charges will do them no good," McCarthy said.

Asked if Sen. Keating had not been correct in Senate floor and television speeches warning of impending trouble in Cuba prior to the Cuban crisis, Sen. McCarthy labeled Keating's charges "a wild guess that turned out right two months later."

He charged that Keating uses "techniques used by Sen. (Joseph) McCarthy of Wisconsin 15 years ago.

ASKED IF CUBA is not more dangerous as a "fifth column" station for subversion in Latin America, McCarthy said "all you have to go on is the President's statement that this has top priority. We'll have to wait and see."

U2 flights for intelligence reconnaissance over Cuba are "fairly

satisfactory," Sen. McCarthy said when asked if they were adequate. The Soviet Union, at the close of the Cuban Crisis, agreed to U.S. arms inspection of Cuba, but it has never been carried out.

"You see, the Russians agreed to the inspection, but Castro didn't," said McCarthy.

"There is a basic question in politics," said Sen. McCarthy. "That is to try to establish a balance between responsibility and power."

"In Congress, you might have responsibility, but not power. Or, you might have power without adequate responsibility. In the Presidency, these factors are pretty well balanced."

OTHER COMMENTS made by Sen. McCarthy included:

The Administration's tax cut proposals—"It's too late to have the kind of effect on the economy the President hoped for. Some of

the responsibility for this falls on the Administration and Democrats in Congress.

"We hope to have the tax cut effective with the beginning of the next fiscal year (July 1). Not many of the reform measures will pass."

And, said Sen. McCarthy, he does not think the Administration hopes of recouping about \$3.5 million of a \$13 million tax cut have much chance. A large share of this would come from allowing deductions on charitable giving only above 5 per cent of total income.

"This doesn't have much support in Congress. I think this deduction should be allowed," he said.

Farm legislation—"There will be strong opposition against our accomplishing much of anything."

Possible establishment of a Department of Urban Affairs—"I don't think we'll succeed in that. It will run into the same kind of opposition the Department of Health, Education and Welfare did when Harry Truman proposed it back in 1951. . . . 25 years later,

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posed it, the Republicans pointed to it as showing how they are for health, education and welfare."

DE GAULLE AND THE Common Market—"The De Gaulle situation has been greatly inflated. All the same questions were there before De Gaulle made his statement (against British entry into the Common Market)."

"Control of nuclear weapons hasn't changed. Germany and Berlin are in no way different. In a way, De Gaulle has wiped away the fog. He has destroyed some unfounded optimism, but there has been no setback."

On Republicans—"The Republican opposition seems to have a little less sense of responsibility this session than last. Past history shows that when a party has had the Presidency, as the Republicans did for eight years, it tends to carry over some of the sense of responsibility after losing it. Now, that seems to have worn off. And, the Republicans are eyeing the 1964 presidential elections."

"In foreign affairs, I think the Republicans have been mostly commendable . . . especially of those who have served on the Foreign Affairs Committee."